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SACWN

SACRAMENTO AREA CAREER WOMEN'S NETWORK INC.

SACWN PRESENTS...

CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURE

Join SACWN on April 25, 1998 for a concert celebrating the love of women and their music. Partners Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will perform.

Tickets are nearly sold out. Use the order form on page 7 soon. Don't be disappointed.

Date: Saturday, April 25, 1998
Place: 24th Street Theater
Sierra 2
2791 24th Street, Sacramento
Time: 8 p.m.
Tickets: $ 15 Member
$ 20 Non-members and
At the Door

See ticket order form on inside back cover.

From the Editor

It could have been that we began marketing the Cris Williamson and Tret Fure concert early. We did one mailing back in January with the information on the Suzanne Westenhoefer concert and the April concert. Or it could be that Cris has been the foundation of women's music for more than 25 years. Whatever we are almost sold out of tickets. There are just 60 of the 280 tickets unsold. So if you want a seat, please mail your request soon or you will likely be disappointed.

Producing a Cris Williamson concert takes me back a long time. It was 1976, and I had been out, sort of, for a couple years. I heard about this incredible happening in Michigan - a Women's Music Festival. My friend Janet, who was just a friend, not that I didn't want otherwise, said we could take her car. I doubted that it would make it to Michigan from Pennsylvania and who wanted to drive 17 hours cramped in a beetle, but Janet kept saying it was Herstory in the making. So I went, and it was!

Two thousand women on farm land near a little town called Hisperia in the middle of lower Michigan. We camped under the stars and listened to voices including Cris Williamson who had just recorded "The Changer and the Changed." (I never looked at a waterfall the same after hearing "filling up and spilling over.")

Meg Christian was mingling with Holly Near, Linda Tillery, June Watkins and more. The artists would perform and then just plopped down on blankets they spread next to us. That was before they were "stars" and could ask for massages before a concert and chicken soup at the concert.

About the chicken soup. The contract with our April artists requires that we prepare chicken soup for them according to their specific recipe. On the day of the concert, there will be a lot of tasks that will require attention by SACWN staff. We are looking for a volunteer to make the chicken soup, according to the recipe. The cost of the ingredients will be reimbursed and a ticket to the concert will be provided. Would you like the honor of saying that Cris Williamson and Tret Fure ate your chicken soup (even if it is their recipe)? Please call Sandy at 451-8034 if you would like to be the designated cook.

Exciting changes are in store for SACWN in the months ahead. As we mentioned last month, a request for proposal is about to be released, to gather information from individuals or organziations interested in manageing SACWN. If you would like to receive the RFP, call the SACWN office.

Celebrate the present. We'll never have it available to us again.

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Quarter page 3 1/2 x 4 1/2	$50	$75
Half page 7 1/8 x 4 1/2 or 3 1/2 x 9 1/2	$90	$135
Full page 7 1/2 x 9 1/2	$160	$240
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Special Interest Groups -April, 1998

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are small groups of women who meet around a common interest. It's a great way to meet other lesbians in an informal environment. Just give the facilitator a call, and she'll be glad to tell you all about the group and their activities.

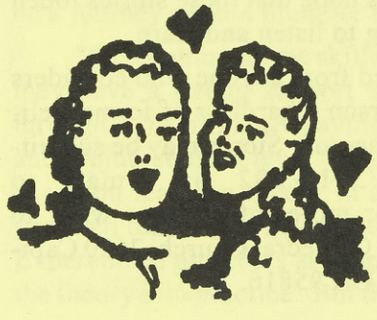
TOP 10

Dinner at the Spaghetti Factory, 1910 J Street on Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Lenora at 444-0102 by April 16.

TOP 10 is a group of women over 50 and women who love women over 50! We meet at least once a month at restaurants around town. Occasionally we have fun at home parties. Come join us for an evening of fun!

THE BOOK GROUP

Interested in participating in a discussion of books? Call **Joy at 452-5513** to put your name on the list to be notified of future meetings.



1/2 FAST HIKING GROUP

We're an active, well-organized group which gets together once a month to go day hiking. Please call for details. Join us ! Ann 443-3638 and Sue 927-8320.

RAINBOW CAMPERS

In memory of our founder, Jayne Rountree, Rainbow Campers had our planning meeting on February 21, 1998. If you want to go on any of these campouts, call the Wagon Master who will tell you what the deposit is (usually first night's fee) to reserve a space on the trip. Young girls and boys under 8 are welcome. The schedule of the campouts is as follows:

April 17 - 19 Coloma On the American River; Call Barbara 929-3074

May 15 - 17 Tower Park, Isleton/Rio Vista; Call Barbara 929-3074

June 26 - 28 Casini Ranch, Santa Rosa Area; Call Casey 366-7362

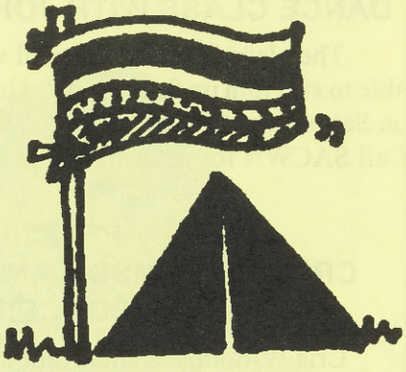
July 3 -5 Siskiyou, Mt. Shasta; Denice & Linda 641-8565

August 21-23 Wright's Beach On the Coast; Carolyn & Nancy 961-4722

September 25 - 27 Coloma On the American River; Mary 723-5269

October 17, Sacramento - A planning meeting for 1999 season. Denice and Linda 641-8565

November 13-15 - Rollins Lake, Colfax; Joyce 929-3074



NEWCOMERS

New to the community? New to SACWN? Or do you just want tocome out and meet new friends? Call **Diana 487-3124** to find out about the upcoming meeting.

HELLO!
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HELLO!

SACWN CALENDAR

SACWN EVENTS

MARCH 28-MAY 2
DANCE CLASS WITH JOHN BATCHELOR

The class is into its second week, but you may be able to still join up for swing and ballroom dance classes on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Sierra 2. Just $25 per person. Call SACWN for information at 451-8034.

APRIL 25
CRIS WILLIAMSON AND TRET FURY IN CONCERT

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will celebrate their 17th anniversary in May. They have been making music together for 16 years. *"Between the Covers,"* their second release as a duo has been on the lesbian best-sellers list for nearly a year. It is the first release on Wolf Moon Records, their own label.

Williamson has been playing music professionally for more than 30 years. *"Between the Covers"* is her 20th album. A pioneer in women's music and the lesbian community, Williamson co-founded Olivia Records and was one of the first openly-lesbian performers. Her seminal *"The Changer and the Changed,"* released in 1974, struck a chord with many listeners.

Tret Fure began her professional career in the early '70's. As a songwriter, performer, engineer and producer, she has worked in a range of musical styles, from folk to rock. While Fure is newer to the women's music scene than her partner, she holds trailblazer status as one of the few women to work in the technical areas of music. *"Between the Covers"* is her seventh album.

IN THE COMMUNITY

April 1998 - African American Women on Tour Conference in LA. Call Cherise Witherspoon at 916-689-8048 for information.

April 9 - Lesbian Support Group in Auburn at the Dewitt Center from 7-9 p.m. For information, call 632-7080

April 11- Gay and Lesbian Sierrans - Capay Blue Ridge Hike. Call Suzanne at 668-0691 for info.

April 25- Gay and Lesbian Sierrans - Feather Falls Hike. Call Ray at 4231-6209.

May 1-3 - Gay and Lesbian Sierrans - Canoe Camp Trip. Call Connie 972-9230

May 14 - Lesbian Support Group in Auburn at the Dewitt Center from 7-9 p.m. For information, call 632-7080

May 16-17 - Gay and Lesbian Sierrans - Backpack trip in Mokelumne Wilderness. For info call Ray at 421-6209.

INTEGRITY OF NO. CA SEEKS SPIRITUAL COMING OUT STORIES

Integrity of Northern California, an organization working within the Episcopal Church for full inclusion of Gays and Lesbians, asks everyone's help in spreading the word about their latest project, the collection of "spiritual coming out stories." The organization plans to use these stories within faith communities to raise awareness and increase support for those who must struggle to integrate their spiritual journey with their sexual orientation. Integrity members hope that these stories touch the hearts of those willing to listen and learn.

Stories are welcomed from anyone who considers themselves a spiritual person regardless of formal religious affiliation or lack thereof. Stores may be submitted by fax to 916/391-2202 or e-mail to pu@ix.netcom.com. For more information write to Integrity/No. CA, Trinity Cathedral Church, 2620 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95816.

SUCCESSFUL SACWNITE

Lucja Stanton was born in Germany to parents of Polish descent. "My father took the family to Germany after the war because he thought that Poland would become a Communist country. In Germany, he applied to several countries, Canada, Australia and the United States for permission to emigrate. It took 10 years, and then a sponsor in the United States was found."

Lucja (pronounced Lu-c-ah) was six months old when her family "came on the boat" and processed through Ellis Island. "We moved to the Northwest side of Chicago and I had a great childhood. We lived in a Polish neighborhood where everyone took care of everyone else. There was always something going on. Through the park system, I played softball and won a lot of ribbons and trophies for swimming. In the winter, they would freeze over the softball field and we'd ice skate till the early morning hours. I hung out with the kids at the corner candy store. It was great."

She met her husband in high school. He was a friend of her brother and she became engaged when she was a high school senior. She married and had two sons before she came out. "My sons are 18 & 21 now and are both attending San Diego State University."

"This is an interesting time in my life. It is the first time I am on my own and I love it. It's just me and my dog, Clover." Lucja also has a new girlfriend of 6 weeks who she met through SACWN.

Several years ago, Lujca joined the Sacramento Tradeswomen Association. She has an upholstery business and was looking for contacts and support. She heard about a test for a skilled laborer and wanting a better income, decided to take the test. She passed the test for plumber and began the apprenticeship program. After 5 years of school and 9,000 work hours in the field she is now a licensed plumber. Lujca is experienced in light, heavy and commercial plumbing and works for a utility company with a large distribution water system. She will be a journey person plumber in May of this year.

"I'd recommend the skilled trades to other women if they have a strong support system. I have struggled through a lot of game playing, misleading information and prejudice from men. While much of the program is based on learning theory in a classroom environment, you then turn to journey persons for on the job training. Expereinced plumbers are suppose to help you interpret the theory into practice. But they can have you do all the grunt work instead, which doesn't help you develop the actual skills. While they give all of the apprentices a hard time, a woman has to be prepared for the worst. I have a lot of friends in Sacramento Tradeswomen who have been there to support me. My neighbors are wonderful and have listened to my frustrations and pain. I had to continually fight for meaningful assignments throughout the five years."

"School ends for me in May and then I want to dabble in working with fountains. I love the sound of water and am intrigued by the possibility of creating beauty with water."

Success to Lujca is "just to be happy. Finally, I am really beginning to enjoy life. it's great to not have to worry and fret all the time. I am ready for life to be easier. I have lots of wonderful friends who I know I can depend on and having good friends to me is worth more than gold. I am very lucky to have a good job with work I like to do and a wonderful network of supportive friends. To me, success is all about happiness."

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Ticket Order Form

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TICKET ORDER FORM

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure

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2791 24th Street
8 p.m.

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